

REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 16-19 and 52-77 are pending in the application. Claims 52-55 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 56-71 stand rejected. Claims 1-8, 16-19, and 72-77 are allowed. No new matter is introduced.

I. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as Explained in the Advisory Office Action

Claims 56-71 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Philipsson (US 2001/0007815) and Labun et al. (US 6,842,621) and further in view of Fox et al. (US 5,943,624).

The Examiner has pointed out in the Advisory Office Action that the step of “skipping the inquiry stage” is missing from claims 56, 62, and 68, but is present in the allowed independent claims, and has further pointed out, that the combination of Philipsson and Labun may not be operable if the step of “skipping the inquiry stage” were added to these claims.

II. Response to Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as Explained in the Advisory Action

The Applicant’s remarks in the Applicant’s prior Amendment filed April 13, 2009 is incorporated herein by reference.

The above amendment to claims 56, 62, and 68 follows the Examiner’s suggestion in the Advisory Office Action, by adding the step of “skipping the inquiry stage” to these claims.

In view of the Examiner’s suggestion in the Advisory Office Action, claims 56-71 now appear to be allowable, along with the previously allowed claims 1-8, 16-19, and 72-77.

CONCLUSION

In view of the aforementioned amendments and remarks, Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance. Entry of the response, allowance of the claims and passage to issue of the subject application are hereby requested.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-4827, Order No. Docket No. 1004289-058US (4208-4047US1).

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 50-4827, Order No. Docket No. 1004289-058US (4208-4047US1).

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